

2021 Membership Drive





Please join us...
BG Parks Make
Life Better!

Community Members,

To say 2020 was a strange year is a major understatement! But one thing we learned during this pandemic is that park systems are essential to the physical and psychological well being of people. In the Feb 2021 issue of Parks and Recreation, the magazine of the National Recreation and Parks Association, it was quoted that **3 in 5 people—more than 190 million people—visited a local park, trail, public open space or recreational facility during the first 3 months of the pandemic (mid-March through mid-June).** In good and challenging times, people flock to parks to destress, exercise, connect with friends, center and commune with nature. Usage here in BG increased tremendously—we even needed to remind people to social distance on our trails!

Now is the time to support our Parks and Recreation Department because we know the integral part it plays in our lives. The BG Parks and Recreation Foundation exists to support and enhance the functions of the BG Parks and Recreation Department. **Would you consider being part of that mission?**

Here are some of the Foundation's highlights from 2020:

- Raised over \$14,000 in a letter campaign, in lieu of the 2020 Wine & Cheese Social, to be used to support the general budget of the Parks and Recreation Department
- Purchased a new riding mower for Simpson Garden Park 
- Raised over \$100,000 for the purchase of land adjacent to the Wintergarden /St. John Nature Preserve
- Added new Adirondack chairs to the New Veterans Building patio in City Park through a fundraiser 
- Supplied funding for new picnic tables in Carter Park
- Assisted with funding for fire detectors and audio-visual equipment at the Nature Center in the Wintergarden/St. John Nature Preserve
- Funded the demolition of old shelters and provided funding for the engineering services related to the new shelter at Carter Park 
- Continued financial support for Simpson Garden gardeners and plantings
- Purchased plants and tools for Wintergarden/St. John Nature Preserve

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2021 Foundation Membership information.



BG Parks & Recreation Foundation Trustees

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Bowling Green, OH 43402
419/354-6297

OR

Pay online via PayPal by going
to www.bgohio.org, Parks and
Recreation Foundation tab and
mention in the note section
that your donation is for
Membership 2021



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$650 _____
2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$65 _____
ADDITIONAL DONATION: _____
TOTAL: _____

Yes, I would like to volunteer my
time for Parks & Recreation Foundation
fundraising efforts!!

Name: _____
(as you want it to appear in our database & other materials)

Email: _____
(communicating via email allows us to dedicate more funds to our mission!)

Phone: _____

Address: _____